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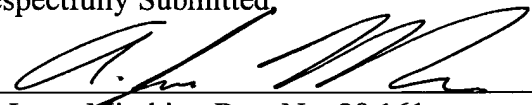
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- ☒ [X] File Wrapper Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.62
- ☒ [X] Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ [X] Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ [X] Form PTO-1449 and References
- ☒ [X] Copy of Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time filed in U.S. Patent Application  
Serial No.: 08/567,886 on June 6, 1997
- ☒ [X] Copy of Notice of Appeal filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/567,886 on June 6,  
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch  
is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$1122.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. If the fee is insufficient,  
the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A  
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**REQUEST FORM FOR FILE WRAPPER CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.62**

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This is a request for filing a ☐ Continuation-in-part ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.62 of prior application Serial No. 08/567,886, filed on December 8, 1995, entitled **PROCESS FOR SILVER PLATING IN PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD MANUFACTURE** by the following named inventor(s).

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (Note 37 CFR 1.60 may be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

- ☐ Enter the amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ Under 37 CFR §1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

FOR	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	36	-20	= 16	X \$ 22.00	= \$ 352.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	-3	= 0	X \$ 80.00	= \$
			BASIC FEE		= \$ 770.00
			<b><u>TOTAL FILING FEE:</u></b>		= \$1,122.00

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3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to:  
    ☒ charge any deficiency in the enclosed fees which may be required or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
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4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1122.00 is enclosed.

5. ☐ A new oath or declaration is included since this application is a continuation-in-part which discloses and claims additional matter.

6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a ☐ continuation-in-part, ☒ continuation, ☐ division of application Serial No. 08/567,886, filed December 8, 1995.

7. ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 ☐ is enclosed.

☐ was filed in the prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. 9425030.5, filed on December 9, 1994 in United Kingdom is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

9. ☒ The prior application is unassigned.

10. ☒ Also enclosed:

☒ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ Form PTO-1449 with references cited

11. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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c.[ ] A new power has been executed and is attached.  
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